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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masato IMAI, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: THERMOELECTRIC MODULE AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLING THE THERMOELECTRIC RADIATING MEMBER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE/RELATED CASE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☒ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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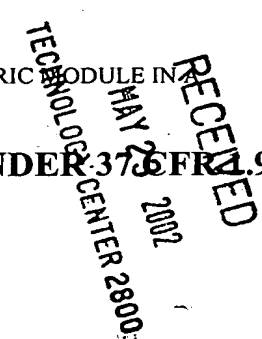
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AV on Form 1449:

This reference discloses a thermoelectric module for thermoelectric cooling in which upper and lower substrates are the same in size in Fig. 3.13.

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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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213731US2	09/964,371	09/28/01	PENDING
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